

SUMMARY OF CODE CHANGE PROPOSALS
TO THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE (780 CMR) AS OF 12-12-05

| 780 CMR Code Section | TABLE 1 SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENTS | F/E* |
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| 121.6 & .7 | Amends Section 121 by adding requirements for building board up procedures | F |
| 307.8 | Amends Section 307.8 (3) by changing the phrase: "10000 tires or more" to the phrase "10000 tires or less" - to minimize limits on the amount of rubber tires that can be stored and be exempt from High Hazard Storage USE classification. | F |
| 904.1 | Amends Section 904.1 by precluding the sprinklering of certain elevator spaces in buildings. | F |
| 904.3 | Chapter 9, § 904.3 – Requires automatic fire sprinklers in all new construction A-2 Occupancies with an occupant load of 50 or greater | F |
| 904.3.1 | Requires sprinklering of new construction Mixed Use A-2 + R buildings | F |
| T904.9 | Table 904.9 – Expands references in Note (1) to the Table to also include reference to MGL c.143 § 97A and MGL c.148 § 26G1/2 | F |
| 914.2.9 | Chapter 9 § 914.2.9 (1.) - Amends language by replacing the word "or" by the word "of" (a spelling correction) | F |
| 917.4.1.1 | References special requirements for A-2 Uses by referring the Reader to Section 917.8.2.3 | F |
| 917.8.2.3 | In A-2 Uses, upon fire protection system activation, requires shutting down of distracting sounds, lights, visual/audible distractions, etc., and the immediate illumination of the required means of egress routes and all house lights turned on | F |
| 1006.2.2.1 | In new construction A-2 Uses requires the main entrance door to be a minimum of 72 inches in nominal width, etc. | F |
| 1011.3 | In new construction A-2 Uses requires the main entrance door to be a minimum of 72 inches in nominal width, etc. | F |
| 1014.8.1 | Creates cross-referencing to Sections 1006.2.2.1 and 1011.3 relating to 72 inch door requirements in A-2 Uses | F |
| 1017.3 | Creates cross-referencing to Sections 1006.2.2.1 relating to 72 inch door requirements in A-2 Uses | F |
| EQ2801 | Chapter 28; Replaces an equation - 2801.2.2.2 - written for metric units w/ an equation developed for english units and which governs the minimum distance between exhaust outlets and air intakes | F |
| 3400.3(10) | Chapter 34 § 3400.3(10) - Amends Section 3400.3 (10) by requiring certain structural performance of <i>totally preserved and partially preserved historic buildings</i> | F |
| 3404.12 | Expands Note references to include MGL c.143 § 97A, MGL c.148 § 26G1/2 and MGL c.148A | F |
| 3404.12 | Adds an Item # 4 to Section 3404.12 addressing sprinklering requirements in existing A-2 Occupancies | F |
| Appendix A | Update of numerous NFPA Referenced Standards | F |
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| R6.3.1.1 | Allows hearing complaints relating to Construction Supervisor License-holders violations while hearing complaints relating to Home Improvement Contractors | F |
| R6.3.4.1.3.1 | Requires that HIC Complaint Decisions also conform to CSL Complaint Decision requirements when hearing complaints that involve both HIC Registration and Construction Supervisor Licensing | F |
| R7.2.4.1 | Sets certification requirements for those seeking Building Official certification examination | F |
| R7.2.4.3 | Sets certification requirements for those seeking Building Official certification examination | F |
| R7.2.5.1 | Sets certification requirements for those seeking Building Official certification examination | F |
| R7.2.5.4 | Sets certification requirements for those seeking Building Official certification examination | F |
| EMERGENCY AMENDMENTS | | |
| 106.5.1 | Requires an annual Certificate of Inspection (co-signed by the Building Official and the Head of the Fire Department) for ABCC-Licensed premises and referencing MGL c.10 § 74 | E |
| 106.5.1.1 | Allows for issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Inspection (co-signed by the Building Official and the Head of the Fire Department) for ABCC-licensed premises and referencing MGL c.10 § 74 | E |
| 106.5.1.1.2 | Addresses the appeal process for one aggrieved of failure to issue an annual Certificate of Inspection for ABCC-licensed premises and referencing MGL c.10 § 74 | E |
| 202 | Adds the term “Plastics, cellular and foamed” to the DEFINITIONS in Chapter 2 of the 6 th Edition of 780 CMR but cross-references to the DEFINITIONS in Chapter 26 | E |
| 802 | Adds the term “Plastics, cellular and foamed” to the DEFINITIONS in Chapter 8 of the 6 th Edition of 780 CMR but cross-references to the DEFINITIONS in Chapter 26 | E |
| 803.3.1 | Chapter 8, § 803.1.1.1 – Imposes qualifying language (sprinklers required) on when plastic interior trim can be utilized in an A-2 occupancy and sets test criteria for such plastics | E |
| T803.4 | Chapter 8, Table 803.4 – Adds a footnote to T803.4 which sends the reader to Section 803.1.1.1 | E |
| 904.3 | Chapter 9, § 904.3 – Requires automatic fire sprinklers in all new construction A-2 Occupancies with an occupant load of 50 or greater | E |
| 2602 | Provides detailed definition of “cellular and foamed plastic” | E |
| 2603.7 | Chapter 26, § 2603.7 – Allows foam plastic interior finish in A-2 occupancies only when such occupancies are sprinklered | E |
| 2603.8 | Incorporates the refined language of Section 2603.8 of the 2003 ICC IBC – This section 2603.8 of the IBC has a comparable Section 2603.8 in the current 6 th Edition and by adopting the IBC language, the requirements to perform foam plastic large-scale fire testing and actual end-use configuration (i.e. NFPA 286 and other ICC-recognized comparable testing methods), are captured. | E |

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| 3400.3.6.1 | Further amends Task Force Amendment 780CMR3400.3.6.1-5-04-11 by requiring the 72 inch single main egress and accompanying exit access with a performance option but otherwise non-compliance resulting in an Exit Order | E |
| R5 | Modifies 780CMR-6-02-E1, Section R5.1.2 by striking requirement that the Hearings Officer be a BBRS Member | E |
| R5 | Modifies 780CMR-6-02-E1, Section R5.1.5 by striking requirement that the Hearings Officer be a BBRS Member | E |
| R5 | Modifies 780 CMR, Regulation R5 by allowing a Single Hearings Officer | E |
| R5.2.9.1 | Allows hearing HIC Complaints concurrent w/CSL Complaints | E |
| R5.2.9.1.1 | Allows hearing HIC Complaints concurrent w/CSL Complaints; requires conformance to HIC (R6) requirements for notification of combined Complaint Hearing | E |
| R5.2.9.6.1.1 | Allows hearing HIC Complaints concurrent w/CSL Complaints; requires conformance to HIC (R6) requirements for information contained in Complaint Decisions | E |
| R7.2.5.1 | Requires candidates for Building Commissioner Certification examination meet or exceed qualifications for Building Commissioner as a prerequisite for taken said examination. | E |
| R7.2.5.4 | Requires candidates for Building Commissioner Certification examination be approved to take such examinations by the BBRS or the Certification Committee. | E |

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